TOWN OF GREECE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Greece will receive an anticipated \$388,811 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Town's 2019 program year, which begins August 1, 2019.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:15 p.m., for the purpose of providing Greece residents with the opportunity to hear and comment upon the proposed activities and fund allocations that constitute the Town's <u>Preliminary 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program</u>. The public hearing will take place in the Eastman Room at the Greece Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Boulevard, Greece, New York.

The opportunity for residents to provide their comments and thereby participate in Greece's CDBG Program, is pursuant to Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1997, as amended, and the 1983 Housing and Urban/Rural Recovery Act (Public Law 98-181).

The following proposed activities and fund allocations have been included in Greece's <u>Preliminary 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program</u>:

Proposed Activities & Allocations:

- 1. <u>Greece Residential Improvement Plan (GRIP)</u> \$180,000 This ongoing housing improvement program will provide grants of up to \$4,800 to about 30-40 low- and moderate-income homeowners for rehabilitation of single-family, owner-occupied homes. Grants will pay for only essential rehabilitation projects, including: health and safety repairs, accessibility improvements, structural and major system repairs, and energy conservation upgrades.
- 2. <u>Public Works Improvements</u> \$100,000 This project consists of improvement of a residential street located within Greece's Community Development target areas: Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road. Improvements will include upgrading the condition of the roadways, including gutters and sidewalks alongside the road.
- 3. <u>Elder Care Program</u> \$58,000 This activity, which is administered by the Town's Department of Constituent Services, provides assessment and support services, such as transportation to frail and isolated persons 65 and older. The program is designed to promote independence and extend the time that the elderly spend living in their own homes.
- 4. <u>Home Safe Home Program</u> \$12,000 The allocation of block grant funds will enable Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. to provide safety assessments and minor home modifications for approximately 110-120 homes occupied by owners who are 62 and older.
- 5. <u>General Administration</u> \$38,811 These costs include salary, office, legal notice, and auditing expenses related to the administration of Greece's Community Development Block Grant Program.

A breakdown of Greece's Preliminary Community Development Block Grant Program by type of activity shows that the largest percentage of funds, forty-nine (49%) percent, will be allocated to activities designed to preserve and upgrade Greece's existing housing stock. Twenty-six (26%) percent has been allocated for public works improvements. Public service programs account for fifteen (15%) percent of the Town's total block grant. The allocation for general administration

comprises ten (10%) percent of the total block grant.

These allocations reflect and address Greece's community development needs and priorities, as set forth and described by the Town in its <u>Five-Year Strategic Plan</u>.

A more detailed description of the proposed activities comprising Greece's Preliminary Community Development Block Grant Program is available for the public's review in the Department of Development Services located in the Greece Town Hall, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Written comments should be directed to: Community Development Block Grant Program; Town of Greece; One Vince Tofany Boulevard; Greece, New York 14612. Telephone inquiries should be directed to John T. Caterino, CDBG Administrator/Junior Planner, at 585-723-2432, email address: jcaterino@greeceny.gov

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